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Pierce County dentist's license restricted for not monitoring sedated patient

OLYMPIA — The license of a Puyallup dentist has been immediately restricted and her general anesthesia permit suspended after she and staff at her direction allegedly didn't properly monitor sedated patients.

Charges by the state Dental Commission state that Kristine Grace (DE00008652 and DEAP.GA.10000296) and staff at her direction left a patient sedated and unattended while she completed surgery on another patient. While sedated, the initial patient got up and wandered around the office. Charges also state that Grace's post-treatment records about the incident were inaccurate.

Grace can't administer any sedation or general anesthesia in Washington until these charges are resolved. She has 20 days to request a hearing to contest these charges.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Dental Commission protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority.

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